

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

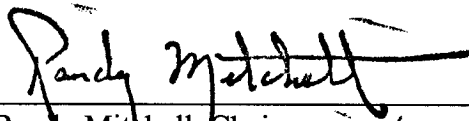
DOCKET NO. 2005-271-C - ORDER NO. 2005-652

NOVEMBER 9, 2005

IN RE: Application of Office of Regulatory Staff for a) ORDER
Waiver of Qualifications for the) EXTENDING
Lifeline/Linkup Programs for Victims of) WAIVERS
Hurricane Katrina Pending Action by the)
Federal Communications Commission.)

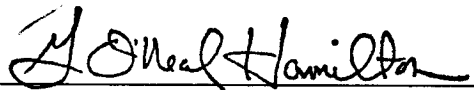
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth or the Company) for an extension of the waivers of qualifications for the Lifeline/Linkup programs for the victims of Hurricane Katrina pending action by the Federal Communications Commission from a termination date of October 31, 2005 to November 30, 2005. Because we believe that the waivers of qualifications for these programs is reasonable, given the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, we grant the extension of the waiver until November 30, 2005 for qualifying retail customers. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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